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Auriemma Named Head of International Gaming Association

ATLANTIC CITY — Thomas Auriemma, director of the Division of Gaming Enforcement, was elected Chairman of the International Association of Gaming Regulators, a prestigious association of gaming regulators worldwide.

Director Auriemma, who served as vice-chair this year, was elected president at the IAGR's annual conference held this week. The IAGR is an association of gaming regulators from thirty nations worldwide, with some countries having multiple gaming jurisdictions, who meet annually to share information and discuss significant issues that affect the regulation of casino gaming.

"I am honored to be elected Chairman of the association. Gaming has become a global industry, with each country possessing its own unique perspective. Gaming is also an industry that is rapidly changing with the advancements in technology. It is this organization, with its information sharing capabilities and expertise, that will keep all members current on issues that have a major impact on the casino industry and regulators.

"New Jersey is a leader in casino gaming regulation, and as members of IAGR, the Division's representatives are able to provide their expertise to delegates from around the world who share the same goal of maintaining high standards of conduct," Auriemma said.

As Chairman, Auriemma said, he will focus his efforts on such issues as Internet gambling throughout the world, responsible gambling and implementing a uniform personal history form entitled the "Multi-Jurisdictional History Disclosure Form." First implemented in New Jersey in 2001, it establishes a universal form that significantly reduces the filing time of executive applicants who are frequently required

to be licensed in numerous jurisdictions.

The Division of Gaming Enforcement has both criminal and civil enforcement authority and is the investigative and prosecutorial agency responsible for regulating the Atlantic City casino industry.

A resident of Chatham, Morris County, Director Auriemma has been involved in the New Jersey casino regulatory system since 1978. He was sworn in as Director of the Division of Gaming in November 2002, and served as Acting-Director from March 2002. He served as Deputy Director since 1994. Since joining the division, Auriemma has been involved in many of the Division's most significant cases, including the 1982 disqualification of Playboy Enterprises, Inc., and its divestiture from Atlantic City, investigations concerning Mirage Resorts Inc., and Sun International and the monitoring of the financial status of the Trump Organization.

Auriemma received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Seton Hall University and graduated second in his class from Seton Hall University School of Law. He was appointed a Deputy Attorney General in the Division of Criminal Justice and was a staff attorney for the Casino Control Commission prior to joining the division.

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